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## Nahum Goldmann Berates U.S. Jewry For Failure to Achieve United Action

NEW YORK (P-O) — Leaders of American Jewry were severely criticized for failing to achieve unity by Nahum Goldmann, considered the world's leading Jew outside of Israel.

Speaking at a reception for Avraham Harman, new Israel ambassador to the U.S., Goldmann charged that "organized American Jewry is engaged in juggling for prestige, jockeying for position, and their main point is to see whose name is mentioned first in the New York Times or the National Jewish Post."

OVER 500 Zionists, crowding the American Zionist Council reception at the Commodore Hotel, heard the president of the World Zionist Organization and the World Jewish Congress assert that American Jews cannot begin to play the role they deserve in world Jewry because of their disunity. He said that it would be a shameful tragedy if the attempt to bring unity into Jewish life by uniting all major U.S. Jewish organizations except one — the American Jewish Committee — would not be continued, and become consolidated and strengthened.

He was referring to the President's Conference, which is now in the process of becoming a permanent organization with Philip Klutznick as its first chairman. The Conference was called into being by Dr. Goldmann on an experimental basis several years ago.

DR. GOLDMANN, expert word-maker and phrase coiner, asserted that the "measure of disunity is most tragic and funny. I don't know if it's better described as a tragedy or through a Sholom Aleichem story. The word for it is organized chaos."

Dr. Goldmann, who also is chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, reserved his sharpest words for the Zionist movement, which he said as it is now being operated, is not a dominant force in Jewish life.

"IF ZIONISM will be only one of 20 organizations, then we don't need it. If Zionism will be the halutz (pioneer), the vanguard of American Jewry, then it has reason to exist. But if it's just another group, then it has no place."

Predicting that masses of immigrants will begin to knock at Israel gates again and "sooner than some think," Dr. Goldmann called on the Zionists to be ready for "this great moment."

"WE'LL HAVE to forget the intramural squabbling and petty interests," he declared. "Only then when the Zionist movement will become ambitious enough to guide the American Jewish community in all its spheres, we'll have a strong movement."

"But if we stick to the status quo, it will get worse year after year. History cannot wait. Israel it will have its effect."



Goldmann



**A Way For Everything** The problems of an honest Orthodox businessman in Israel were compounded this Sukkot for the once-a-year business of the Mea Shearim section of Jerusalem — that of selling ethrogim. Because this is the shmita year (sabbatical) when farms are supposed to lie fallow under Jewish law, the Orthodox who inhabit the Mea Shearim section were not permitted to sell ethrogim. But there is a way for everything. The merchants, such as the one shown above, sell the lulav and its component parts, which grow wild and therefore are exempt from Shmita prohibitions, and then give the ethrog to the customer as a bonus without charge.

cannot wait. American Jewry cannot wait."

**HE CONCLUDED** sadly that he was "not at all sure about the future of the Zionist movement in America."

**HE WARNED** the members of

the President's Conference, "I want to make clear here that my proposal at the Actions Committee for enlarging the Jewish Agency, and the World Zionist Organization is not just to add new members to control the spending of money but they would also have to take up responsibilities and share the burden."

Interviewed in the lobby of the Commodore Hotel right after the reception for the Israeli ambassador, Goldmann said, that it's a good thing that President Eisenhower discussed the Jewish question with the Soviet Premier last month at Camp David, Maryland.

**ALTHOUGH** Goldmann doesn't believe there will be immediate changes for Soviet Jewry as a result of those discussions, he did stress that in the long run it will have its effect.

He added tersely, yet significantly: "We are all guilty of the unforgivable sin of allowing the American Jewish Conference to collapse."

He admitted and deplored his own part in this. He added, "We must not make the same mistake twice."

## Cultural Foundation Is Recommended By National Survey

INDIANAPOLIS (P-O) — The report of the committee named last year to assess the cultural situation in U.S. Jewry will recommend the establishment of a Jewish cultural foundation.

This was revealed by Julian Freeman, chairman of the committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds entrusted with studying the work of the many Jewish cultural agencies in the U.S.

**FREEMAN**, who is a past president of the CJFWF, said the foundation "would be charged with co-ordinating the work of the many agencies in the field — interpreting their work to the communities of the country so that their on-going programs would meet with greater understanding." He added that the foundation would also provide the means for the highly specialized assignment in the field of scholarship, research, archives, publications — problems that will arise that would well be beyond the means of any agency to carry through."

The report of Freeman's committee will be made to the general assembly of the CJFWF which meets Nov. 12-15 in San Francisco.

**FREEMAN** told about the projected foundation in Beth-El Speaks, bulletin of Beth-El Zedeck Congregation here, which Freeman formerly headed.

**FREEMAN** expressed the view

### POLL SHOWS JEW COULD BE PRESIDENT

HOUSTON, Tex. (P-O) — A majority of 31 national leaders who answered a poll on the question of whether a Jew could be elected president of the U.S. in this generation, replied in the affirmative.

**THE JEWISH DIGEST**, a monthly publication, posed the question to 58 prominent Americans. President Eisenhower, vice-president Nixon, Adlai E. Stevenson, most of the leading 1960 presidential contenders, prominent members of the Senate and House, were among those who answered the question.

The other 42 per cent of the 41 who answered said that they hoped before too long the electorate would do away with the tacit religious test traditionally barring all but White Protestants from the presidency and the vice presidency.

that Jewish culture in the U.S. is suffering because of the lack of imagination.

"From the community standpoint," he asserted, "there has long been a feeling that the cultural field presents no 'big' challenge capable of capturing the national imagination. What has seemed — with or without justification — to be smallness of undertaking has led to smallness of response. But if the cultural needs and possibilities are dramatically presented, there is a reasonable prospect of expecting a substantial community response."

**FREEMAN** explained that American Jewry has been "driven to the realization that our survival as a free people depends squarely on our thinkers, scholars and researchers. The dramatic 'return' to Jewish life, about which there has been so much speculation, has led to a renewed interest in the meaning of a Jewish commitment and a resultant potential for increasing interest in cultural activities."

He concluded that "in these days of fast-moving events, only great challenges can capture the imagination . . ."

### Mayor Sends Creche Protest To City Council

CHICAGO (P-O) — Mayor Daley, pressed by a group of six organizations not to permit the annual display of the Nativity scene in the City Hall, has asked his city council to decide.

**IN A LETTER** to Elmer Gertz, president of the American Jewish Congress, one of the state-ment's supporters, the mayor indicated that he was in favor of the display, which has been depicted for the past nine years.

"I have always felt that the presence of the crib and the carols add to the festivity of the holiday season in which all participate," wrote the Mayor. "You will recall that I suggested that the symbols of other religious holidays also be displayed in city hall."

**AS YOU** know the city council reflects the thinking of every religious and nationality group, and it is appropriate that they should make a decision regarding this matter," Daley wrote.

The group objecting to the scene includes one rabbi, three ministers and one layman.

**ROSICHAN GETS MIAMI POST** MIAMI (P-O) — Arthur S. Rosichan has been named executive director of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, succeeding Dr. Ben Rosenberg, who took a similar post in Boston.

## 4TH ISRAELI WINS ROLE IN MAJOR HOLLYWOOD FILM

By JACOB BAAL-TESHUVA

NEW YORK (P-O) — A new Israeli beauty who made a Hollywood career over night and will become famous in the coming months is Elana Eden, formerly Cooper, who has been signed to play the lead in a new Biblical film "The Book of Ruth."

**THE FILM** will be directed by Henry Koster for Twentieth Century Fox and will be produced by Sam G. Engel. It will be Miss Eden's first film.

Elana was a member of the Habimah Studios when she submitted her picture in a world contest for the role of Anne in the film "The Diary of Anne Frank." She had no luck then, and was astonished when she received a telegram asking her to come to London at once for a screen test. Elana took the first plane, made the tests and returned home.

A FEW weeks later, she was invited to come to Hollywood. Twentieth Century Fox signed Elana for the role for which



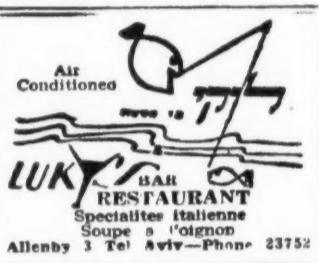
ELANA EDEN

Liz Taylor was the producer's first choice. In Hollywood, her family name — Cooper was changed to Eden.

The pretty Elana joins in Hollywood three other Israeli girls who made good. They are Haya Harareet, Ziva Rodan and Hanna Eden, who made her debut in "Across the Everglades."

### 16 JEWS ELECTED

JOHANNESBURG (P-O) — A total of 16 Jews have won seats in provincial parliaments in elections just completed throughout South Africa.



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## Bernstein Rejects White House Lunch Bid On Yom Kippur, Stays Out of Lebanon

NEW YORK (P-O) — Leonard Bernstein, who returned to New York with his Philharmonic Society as a conquering hero, made Jewish news in two ways this past week.

For one, he turned down an invitation to dine at the White House because it was for lunch on Yom Kippur.

For another, he revealed that he did not conduct the orchestra on its appearances in Lebanon in order to avoid any incidents by what he called "crackpots."

He denied to The POST and OPINION that he did not go into Lebanon as a protest against the State Department's decision (P-O July 31) to exclude Israel from the tour.

**THE YOUTHFUL** conductor who won wild acclaim wherever he led the orchestra, remained in Greece while the orchestra was in Lebanon.

Although Bernstein, who is known as a staunch advocate of Israel, and has often conducted the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, stayed in Greece, the Jewish members of the orchestra met with no incidents in Lebanon. The Jewish members are said to number as high as 60 per cent of the orchestra.

CARLOS MOSELEY, a spokesman for the orchestra, said there were no figures on how many members of the orchestra were Jewish. He did tell The POST and OPINION that a New York Times report from Lebanon describing the reception received by the orchestra as cool, was totally unwarranted.

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One of the most touching incidents of the tour happened when Leonard Bernstein found his uncle, who had been thought dead, in Moscow.

Monday and had to decline the invitation, which was a great honor, because it was Yom Kippur."

But the conductor told The POST and OPINION that his father must have been boasting. He explained that the invitation came not from Eisenhower, but from members of the White House staff.

**A SPOKESMAN** for the White House told The POST and OPINION by telephone from Washington that "Mr. Bernstein was invited by a White House assistant, Homer Grunther to have lunch with him and some members of the staff, at the White House."

When pressed, the spokesman said "I could not call it a denial", referring to the story of the President's invitation to Leonard Bernstein.

Grunther, the White House Aide, told The POST and OPINION that he had met Leonard Bernstein while the show "West Side Story" was in the capital some time ago. He confirmed that he had invited Bernstein for lunch at the White House, but doubts whether somebody else contacted Mr. Bernstein on behalf of the President. Grunther said he thought the other story with President Eisenhower on is a misunderstanding.

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# College Editor's Bold Challenge To Jewish Frats Stirs Outburst

BOULDER, Colo. (P-O) — A storm has burst over the editor's declaration of Ron Krieger, editor of The Colorado Daily campus newspaper, questioning the need for Jewish fraternities and sororities.

KRIEGER, who is Jewish, asked "Is it really necessary for Jews to segregate themselves in their own Greek houses?"

Editor Krieger added that the "segregation" certainly "doesn't do anything to encourage observation of Jewish religious practices," and went on to point out that it "only serves to add to the too-prevalent idea that Jews are a clannish bunch who are better off left to themselves."

A FULL page of letters, including one from Rabbi Milton Elefant, Hillel director, was the reaction.

Jumping in was Robert Gamzey, enterprising editor of The Intermountain Jewish News.

WRITING for the "men of Phi Sigma Delta," Gene Hoffman, asserted that "we have never looked upon our house as an instrument to help propagate our faith. We are first and foremost a social organization comparable to any other Greek house."

Hillel Rabbi Elefant wrote to Krieger that "I believe you have accomplished an astonishing feat, to commit so many errors in so few words."

RABBI ELEFANT took issue with Krieger's statement that Jewish fraternities add to the idea of clannishness of Jews. "This is a typical case," he wrote, "of rationalization by the majority for their discriminatory acts which we hear so often these days from the segregationists of the South who tell us that the Negroes 'love to be segregated, they want it that way'."

Editor Gamzey asserted that "if the Jewish fraternity system is to be justified, it can only exist if it is Jewish in content and spirit."

POINTING to the "alarming percentage of intermarriage stemming from widespread interdating on the campus," he said that social workers and marriage counsellors are unhappy because "of the added impetus of divergent religions upon the already high divorce rate."

Turning to the fraternities he

said that it is rare that "the Jewish fraternity or sorority . . . recognizes the Sabbath in the slightest way, even by putting on a white tablecloth, lighting candles, saying Kiddush and having a traditional Friday night meal."

GAMZEY asserted that "frat men are not encouraged to participate and lead in Hillel."

## Rabbi Blames Parents For Early Dating

DENVER, Colo. (P-O) — Parents were blamed for too early dating and the current vogue of going steady, steadily, lavishly, etc., by Rabbi Manuel Laderman in his Yom Kippur sermon.

THE ORTHODOX rabbi said parents push children into early dating in the early teens.

Rabbi Laderman, according to The Intermountain Jewish News, "poked fun at the youngsters' pairing off at a dance without exchanging dances and sitting apart with nothing to say and acting like a couple married 40 years."

HE SAID this runs counter to the preferred way of mixing and meeting many boys and girls to achieve the widest possible circle of choices for marriage.

Rabbi Laderman devoted the principal part of his sermon to intermarriage, which he said affects Orthodox as much as Reform. "We're all in the same boat."

HE REPEATED the reasons offered by youngsters for interdating and intermarriage as:

"Jewish boys say that the Jewish girls demand too much. Gentile girls say that Jewish boys make good, kind, tender, permanent marriages. Jewish girls say that Jewish boys won't take them out on dates because they are so busy interdating. Therefore, Jewish girls in revenge or self-defense go out with non-Jewish boys."

To discourage intermarriage, which he said is a "problem that lies heavily on my heart," the Hebrew Education Alliance spiritual leader urged parents to "make Jewish marriages so beautiful that they will be models of worth and guides for emula-

## Plan Survey of Attitudes Of Jews Towards Non-Jews

PHILADELPHIA (P-O) — The American Jewish Committee, which has done the most extensive polling of non-Jewish opinion on various questions involving Jews, is planning a survey

which will examine Jewish attitudes toward their non-Jewish neighbors.

This was revealed by Herbert B. Ehrmann, president of the AJ Committee to

Hal Rosen, columnist for the Philadelphia Jewish Times.

Rosen termed the new project, which he said will be undertaken soon, a "self-examination."

He offered the comment that the "results should prove interesting."

IN CONNECTION with the re-

cent attempts of U. S. Jewish leaders to secure a meeting with Khrushchev, Ehrmann said he doesn't believe that the solution lies in public demands. "They may, he said, be harmful by putting the Russian government on the spot with Arab governments. More might be accomplished," he told Rosen, "by having the attitudes of leading Americans outside of the government relayed to the Russians who are aware of being watched and sensitive to attitudes."

Ehrmann told Rosen that progress has been made in breaking down barriers and prejudices in housing, employment and similar areas. "We have gone backwards," Rosen was told by Ehrmann "in the direction of civil liberties."

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## PARTY PLATFORMS IN ISRAEL

## Difference Between Mapam, Mapai, Ahdut Avodah and Communist Parties Explained

By EDWIN SAMUEL

The parties of the left consist of Mapai (Ben-Gurion's right-wing socialist party), three small Arab parties that support Mapai, Mapam (the extreme left-wing socialist party), Ahdut Avodah (an offshoot of Mapam but not quite so far to the left) and the Communists.

The seats that each of these

parties received in the elections for the 120 members of the knesset in the three elections till now are as follows:

	1949	'51	'55
Mapa.	46	45	40
Three Arab parties supporting Mapai	2	5	5
Mapam and/or		9	
Ahdut Avodah	19	15	11
Communists	4	5	6

What are the declared platforms of these parties of the left? And what are the differences between them?

Mapai is the party of Ben-

This is the fifth and last in a series of articles on the platforms of the major political parties in Israel which will compete in the national elections to the knesset this November.

Gurion which has held the majority in every coalition cabinet (though not in the knesset) over the past 11 years, ever since the creation of the state of Israel. It has, therefore, a greater sense of responsibility than any other political party as, holding so much power, it is expected to carry out everything that it promises. It calls, however, for several things common to most of the parties of the left:

- Ingathering of the Jewish people;
- Reclamation of the land of Israel;
- A society based on social-democratic principles

It also calls for these foreign policies, largely for the record.

- 1) Peace with the Arab countries. This, however, involves concessions by Israel which Mapai rejects, as it specifically adds "based on the territorial integrity of the countries of the Middle East, including Israel.
- 2) Mutual co-operation in the development of the entire Middle East area" (which is mere wishful thinking);
- 3) "Preservation of world peace" (which is not within its power to achieve).

The part of the platform that distinguishes Mapai from the other parties of the left is its economic policy which provides for a planned mixed economy based on the expansion of the co-operative and collective sector side by side with constructive private and public enterprise.

Ahdut Avodah's platform, on the other hand, specifically calls for "a planned economy" with no mention of private investment. Ahdut Avodah, of course, is another "pioneering Zionist, Socialist party with a

pioneering youth movement." It stands for:

- The ingathering of Jews of all countries in a Jewish Socialist state in the whole of Palestine by peaceful means." (This implies the peaceful absorption of all Jordan territory west of the river; also wishful thinking);
- Widespread agricultural settlement";

• Co-operation of Zionist Socialist parties within government" and class unity within the Histadrut";

- Just division of the social burden" (i.e., heavy taxation in the higher income brackets);

• Solidarity between Jewish and Arab workers and peasants (although Ahdut Avodah has no Arab members in the knesset);

- A foreign policy of non-identification; opposition of foreign military aid and foreign bases; and Jewish and international financial assistance with no political strings." (i.e., neutrality in the Cold War);

• Friendship with all peace-loving peoples, especially of Asia (largely for the record).

Mapam is even more uncompromising in its socialism and neutrality. It stands for:

- An economy planned for the absorption of large-scale immigration, and the training of Jewish youth in Israel and the Diaspora for pioneering settlement;

• Progressive social legislation (common to all parties of the left);

- A labor government in coalition with all progressive forces (common to all parties of the left);

• No discrimination within the state, especially with regard to the Arab minority; and Jewish-

Arab working-class solidarity. (Mapam has one Arab member in the knesset);

- A foreign policy aimed at permanent peace in the Middle East (who isn't in favor of this?) based on the neutrality of the whole region; abolition of all military pacts and alliances; Big Four agreement for the preservation of peace (hardly within Israel's power to secure);

The Communists state categorically that they are Marxist-Leninist; and that its ranks are open to all Israelis, irrespective of nationality, race or creed.

It advocates:

- Equal civil and national rights for the Arab people (i.e., in Israel). Two of its six members in the knesset are Arabs, and it is believed that most of its supporters are Arabs, too, Although it "struggles for Israel's independence and sovereignty" it is in fact, largely subservient to whatever happens to be Russia's foreign policy at the moment.

• It stands for: "peace between Israel and the Arab countries, based on mutual recognition of the just national rights of both peoples" (whatever meaning may be placed in the word 'national');

- Israel's neutrality and friendship between Israel and the Soviet Union and the other Socialist countries" (here 'socialist' means the Iron Curtain countries).

• A higher standard of living for the working class (by eliminating all other classes).

No other party in Israel would enter a coalition government in which the Communist party is represented. They are not trusted even with state secrets and are regarded, in fact, as traitors to the state of Israel.

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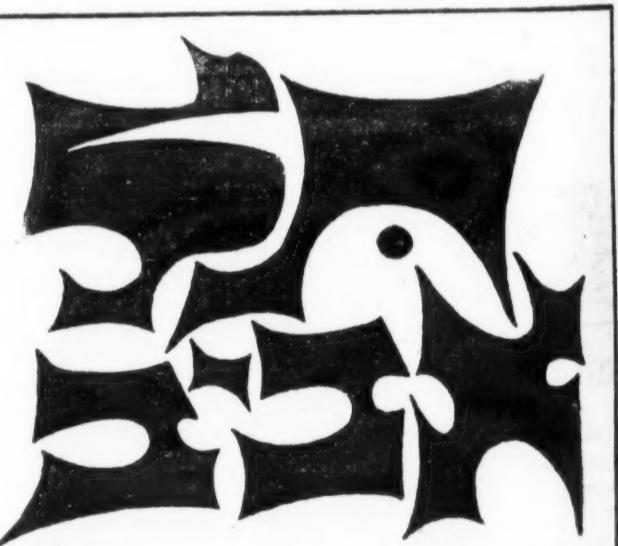
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## First In A Series of Articles

## Jewish Agency Needs Overhauling; Goldmann Compared to Exilarch

By M. Z. FRANK

Sooner or later we may expect a good deal of discussion about Dr. Goldmann's proposal to enlarge the Jewish Agency and to expand the World Zionist Organization. This paper and this columnist take the liberty to open that discussion by the present series of columns.



Frank

Let me state at the outset that I consider the Jewish Agency a far more important institution than the Zionist Organization and, for that reason, I intend to devote most of the space to the Agency. For 11 years the Zionist Organization has been at a loss to discover its functions and its role in the future, but the Jewish Agency does not have to go hunting for functions. Its importance consists in using the money raised by the United Jewish Appeal and similar campaigns in other countries outside of the United States to bring Jews to Israel and to settle them there.

**NO ONE** can gainsay the tremendous importance of that work. And those who have watched the day-to-day work of the functionaries in the field—in Israel and abroad—cannot help admiring the great human qualities that it takes to do that work. But the set-up is wrong and needs overhauling. The criticism offered by this writer is not directed at the 4,000 or more unsung and anonymous heroes who go to Casablanca, to Vienna, to Marseilles and who work in Lachish, in the Negev, in the Galilee to help make a productive nation out of a conglomeration of Jews from all parts of the world.

For them I have nothing but admiration. But these people operate under the handicap of a poor set-up. I have little admiration for the men and women at the top in New York or in Jerusalem who seek to perpetuate the present regime of the Jewish Agency.

I have said it before and I am saying it again: If responsible Jewish leaders in America accept Dr. Goldmann's invitation to form an Advisory Council for the Jewish Agency, they ought to look into its workings and press for the necessary reforms. Otherwise, they will be used as a mere facade for bolstering up a house which ought to be condemned for demolition.

—So much for the introduction

**IN THE** tremendously important topic of Israel-Diaspora relations; the informal aspect can more easily be illustrated than defined. For instance, when Philip Klutznick, last spring, took the whole B'nai B'rith convention to Jerusalem, delivered a short speech in Hebrew, which was festive, and then proceeded in English to read the riot act to the Israelis, we have an excellent illustration of the Jews of the world being one big happy Jewish family.

THE FORMAL relations are

something that Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Dr. Mordecai Kaplan worry about, each man in his own way. Both are concerned with such matters as conventions, resolutions, declarations, recognition, agreements, status, etc.

We are not going to discuss Dr. Kaplan's approach—it would take us too far afield. Dr. Goldmann's approach does concern us. It is not much different than Dr. Emanuel Neumann's or Dr. Isidor Goldstein's or Mr. Louis Segal's, or Rabbi Max Kirshblum's.

All these gentlemen begin with the premise that there are in the Jewish world two sovereign and fairly equal entities: the State of Israel and the Jews of the Diaspora. The State is represented by its government. The Diaspora is represented by the World Zionist Organization, which created the State and has to go on creating it.

Fifteen hundred years ago, the Jews in Babylonia had an official head, known in Aramaic as Resh-Galuta and in Greek as the Exilarch. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, being president of the World Zionist Organization, the chairman of the Jewish Agency and the president of the World Jewish Congress, is supposed to be the modern "Exilarch." That is, some of his colleagues on the Jewish Agency refer to him as such. Ben-Gurion also does occasionally, but he sounds sarcastic.

**BUT THERE** is a difference: The Jews of Babylonia, in an-

cient times, knew they had an Exilarch and recognized him, partly because they wanted to, partly, because the Babylonian government recognized the Exilarch and granted him the rights of taxation and administration over the Jews. But the Jews of America do not recognize an Exilarch; they don't know they have one, they don't want one and the United States government is not going to make them.

The Jews of the Diaspora do not feel that the World Zionist Organization represents them in Israel or in the Diaspora. As for the people in Israel, Dr. Goldmann complained as recently as August, 1959, that it is not only Ben-Gurion who refuses to take the Zionists seriously but also public opinion in the country generally.

**HOWEVER**, the Zionist Organization happens to exercise control over a body called the Jewish Agency, which does important work in immigration, colonization and absorption (which is good) and is organized along the lines of a sovereign government (which is bad). In 1952, the majority of the Israel Knesset passed a law giving special recognition or "status" to the Jewish Agency. Dr. Goldmann, like other Zionist leaders, such as Dr. Neumann, had hoped that in this way the Knesset would impose both on the Israel Government and on the Jews of the Diaspora a recognition of the Zionist Organization which they refuse to grant it voluntarily.

It has not worked. And now Dr. Goldmann is trying to save the precious idea of the sover-

ignty of the Exilarchate by expanding the Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency. To be blunt about it, he has been peddling them around. His selling point is the status, the financial assets and the important functions of the Jewish Agency.

**IT IS** the considered opinion of this writer that the Agency is important and that Dr. Goldmann's plan for creating an advisory council of prominent and influential leaders in the Diaspora to guide the Agency is the one important plank in his platform. It is important and it can be made constructive if the proposed advisory council uses its moral prestige to press for reforms in the present set-up of the Jewish Agency, thus clearing the way for growth and improvement.

The present set-up is based on wrong, fictional premises and leads to waste, duplication, inefficiency, nepotism and demoralization.

**THE JEWISH AGENCY** today is officially controlled by the self-appointed and self-perpetu-

ating oligarchy of the Zionist movement, which has the votes but has no influence and is not treated seriously by the Israel Government, nor by the fund-raisers in America. The unofficial opinion expressed, after serious study, by Jewish leaders in America whose word counts, will have much more effect than the votes cast by the members of the Zionist Actions Committee during their regular useless jaunts to Jerusalem. Those votes are almost invariably rubber-stamp votes.

There is nothing wrong in Israel managing its own immigration and colonization. But since officially these matters are within the jurisdiction of World Jewry, let there at least be some moral substance to that arrangement.

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centers of Williamsburgh and Crown Heights for the Simhat Tora festivities.

**VISITORS** to New York had best seek out a native New York guide who has made the rounds before as schedules of services and Hakafot are rarely an-

nounced and vary from place to place.

For those without guides we offer a few tips. In Williamsburgh, the Hakafot services of the Satmar Rebbe will take place on Saturday from approximately midnight to two or three a.m.

These services are usually preceded by street dancing by the Hassidim who assemble before the Rebbe's home. The area of festivities is Bedford Avenue between Taylor and Hews sts. This main street of Hungarian Hasidim on a holiday or Sabbath afternoon is a flowing parade of long curled ear-locks and untrimmed beards, of fur hats, silk kaftan, modestly dressed women leading rosy cheeked, long stocking children. A sight long treasured by any visitor.

these little bands of crusaders return from a host of directions joyously dancing and singing through the streets until they melt into the throng at the Lubavitcher service.

Hakafot services start just as soon as the last of the emissaries has returned — seldom before 4 a.m. Nevertheless singing and dancing in the street begins at the Lubavitchers early in the evening and by nightfall the hasidim are reinforced by Zionist and other Jewish youth groups that come to add the hora and debka to the festivities.

## Interesting Sessions

What may be considered a significant point on the road to a positive Jewish community are the sessions Wednesday night and Thursday when Jewish community center workers and laymen tackle the problem of Jewish content in the community center. The soul-searching chalange sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board will hear Dr. Judah Shapiro, former national director of the Hillel Foundation, deal with the heart of the matter in an address on "Jewish Values and Their Meaning for Living as a Jew Today."

Workshops on Thursday will deal with Jewish content in all phazes of center activity and also on the "Board's Responsibility for Jewish Values in the Jewish Community Center."

## What's Jewish About It?

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## DIGEST OF THE YIDDISH PRESS

## Display of Convert Hit as Tasteless

Thoroughly tasteless was the first public exhibition of Prof. Kutsuji, the Japanese convert to Judaism now in Israel. At fault, indignantly writes the Forward's A. S. Lirik, who attended the banquet where the convert was put on view, was Dr. I. Ben Z'ev, who believes in Jewish misisonizing.

It was Dr. Z'ev who persuaded the professor to come to Israel.

At the affair the 62-year-old convert, weary from his travel and the recent circumcision, was put on display like a bar mitzvah boy, Lirik says, being asked several times to rise and recite some statements in broken Hebrew.

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Lirik hopes that the Japanese professor will be able to resist further exploitation, and warns that the proselytizers and some UJA-niks are thinking of sending him around the world to grind their special axes.

## Quiz Shows Defended, Congressman Flayed

NOT TRUTH but publicity seems to be the aim of the Congressional quiz show on TV quiz programs, in the opinion of the Forward. In an editorial, the paper asserts that, whereas the revelations are disenchanted, the real purpose of Cong. Harris is to win a place in the spotlight.

The public was deceived by

TV rigs, but not robbed, the editorial reminds us.

## Label Yerushalmi Makes Name for Self

The 34-year-old six-footer whose Jewish name was Label Yerushalmi can't stop talking about Israel and the heroism of her people. Interviewed by Arthur L. Jacobs, of the Day-Journal, the thin young man oozed pride over the achievements of the brave Israelis.

HE TOLD Jacobs that one of his proudest moments was when

Ben-Gurion said that his book about Israel is a "link in the chain of Israel's history." Millions of Americans and people in 10 countries in whose languages the book has been translated have thrilled anew to the Israeli saga thanks to that book, "Exodus," which has made that young man, now known as Leon Uris, one of the brightest stars in the literary firmament.

Prior to the serialization of the book in a Yiddish translation in the Day-Journal, Jacobs relays to his readers some data about

Uris as secured in the interview:

HE WAS born in Baltimore, the son of a one-time paper-hanger from Bialystok . . . He was a volunteer in the Marines at the age of 17 and fought at Guadalcanal and Tarawa before being shipped stateside because of malaria . . . He is married to the former Bertha Beck and is the father of three children . . . He read 300 volumes to get background on his book and in Israel interviewed more than 1,200 people . . . He was doing his research in Israel when the Sinai campaign broke out . . . He wrote 500,000 words of text for "Exodus," and then cut half of it . . . He is writing the scenario for the movie.

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Edward Rutledge, housing director of the New York State Commission Against Discrimina-

tion, said that the "gilded ghettos are not developed by choice." As Jews moved into Westchester and Long Island communities, earlier residents move out, resulting in some neighborhoods becoming exclusively "conservative middle class ghettos."

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### Jewish Scientist Shares Nobel Medicine Prize

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### Regrets Arabs Reject Israel's Medical Help

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## Author Stumped By Confusion In Transliteration

By RUBY ZAGOREN

HARTFORD, Conn. (P-O) — There is no single, standard transliteration for the writing of Hebrew words in English letters.

THIS SYLVIA KAPLAN, co-author of "Across the Threshold" learned while preparing the book, Mrs. Kaplan, and her co-author Shoni Levi, found that Chanukah, for instance, could be spelled with the C, or Hanukah, Hanukah.

She applied to the Jewish Theological Seminary for help in selecting the correct transliteration, and found there was no one accepted version.

"IT WOULD be very helpful," she said in a talk here, "to have one standard transliteration compiled so that authors or newspaper writers can refer to it as they do to a dictionary. Sometimes in newspapers you will see two or three different versions

of the same word. While we Jews know what they stand for, it is confusing to other readers."

### Polish Stage Troupe To Tour Israel

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## Jersey Jewish Farmers Still Get No Financial Aid

By ALFRED K. ALLAN

Jewish organization that has done anything for them."

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"Non-Jewish farmers are in equally dire straits because the consumer consumption of eggs has dropped drastically in the last couple of years and this has greatly lessened both the demand for and the price of the product. Dr. Norman expressed the belief that "giving financial assistance to the farmers will not solve or remedy this situation, it will only prolong the agony. Only the government, and not small Jewish organizations, can and should solve this problem."

DR. NORMAN explained that appeals to Congress have fallen by the wayside on many occasions. Bills have been introduced in Congress to alleviate this problem but they haven't been passed. Just as the problem of unemployment in our country is primarily a government job, so too is the solution of the problems and hardships now facing poultry farmers not only in New Jersey, but throughout the country."

### Nazareth Gets First Synagogue In 2000 Years

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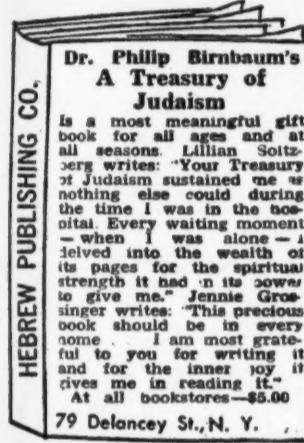
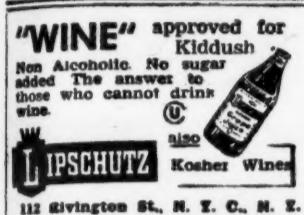
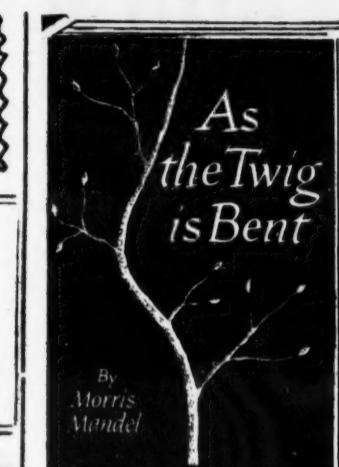
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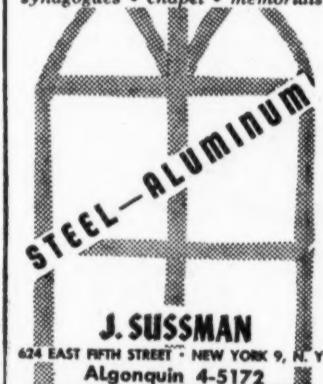
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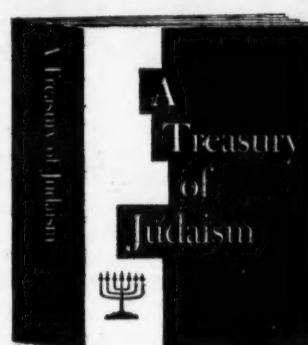
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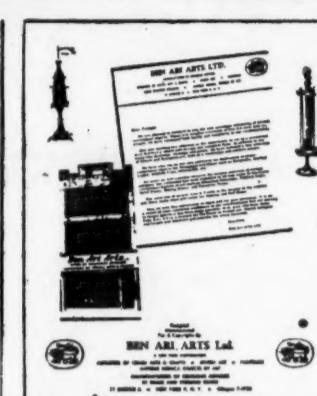
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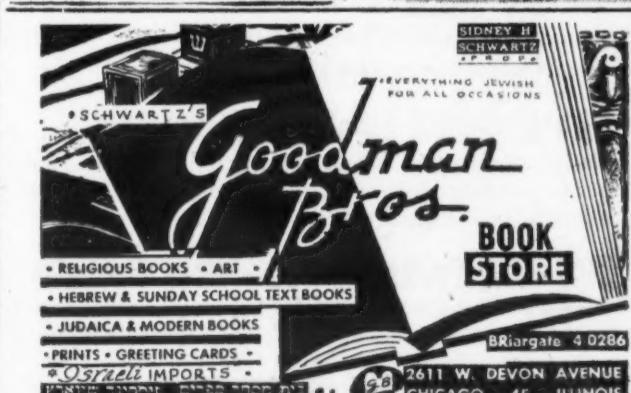
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## NATIONAL FISH WEEK BRINGS 6 DELIGHTFUL RECIPES

By SARAH LIEBER

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there is an abundance of good protein food from the sea and rivers of the land. And, of course, there are always fine selections of frozen and canned fish to choose from. Smoked, salt and pickled fish are maicholim we all enjoy in many ways. This



Sarah

week, with holiday guests still coming to visit, it might be a good idea to try some of the recipes below for lunch, supper or snacks.

### SUPPER QUICKIE A LA U.S.

Department of Fisheries

1 lb. fish fillets, fresh or frozen  
3 tbsps. chopped green pepper  
1/4 cup butter or shortening, melted  
3 tbsps. chopped pimiento

1 can (4-oz.) sliced mushrooms, drained  
1 can (10 1/2-oz.) condensed mushroom soup  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 tsp. salt  
dash pepper  
1 tbsps. sherry wine  
2 cans (5 1/2-oz. each) chow mein noodles or toast points

Thaw frozen fillets and remove skin if necessary. Cut into 1 inch pieces. Cook green pepper on butter until tender. Add fish and continue cooking for 5 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Add pimiento, mushrooms, soup, milk and seasonings. Heat over low flame. Stir in sherry. Serve over noodles or toast points. Serves six.

### HALIBUT HAWAIIAN

2 (1-lb. each) halibut steaks or other steak fish  
1 tsp. salt  
1 cup cooked rice  
1 cup soft bread cubes  
2 tbsps. lemon juice  
1 cup drained crushed pineapple  
1/2 tsp. curry powder  
1/4 tsp. salt  
2 tbsps. butter or shortening, melted  
parsley or watercress for garnish

Sprinkle fish steaks with salt. Place one steak on a well greased baking pan. Place mixture of all other ingredients except melted shortening, on top. Cover with second fish steak. Fasten with toothpicks or skewers. Brush top with melted butter or shortening. Bake in moderate oven (350°) for 30 to 40 minutes or until fish tastes done. Serve hot, garnished with greens. Serves six.



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**This Is a Tough Old World for Sure**

By HELEN COHEN

Whoever said a person had to go out and get experience, suffer a bit so to speak, in order to be a better actor or singer or whatever along the creative line, ought to have his head examined.

I SAY you can sit in a quiet corner, minding your own business and avoiding experience for all you're worth and you are going to get battered down with it, willy nilly, as sure as you live.

Let's see. You grow up and don't get a husband. So time, drip by drip, corrodes your ego. Unwanted.

YOU DO get a husband but he's unfaithful. More anguish.

You get a husband and you love each other but you're not blessed with children. Life is bitter.

All right so you're happily married and you have a pack of little ones, you're all set. Oh there's no doubt your life is full, and much more than your share of joy and fulfillment is in store, but don't kid yourself; your troubles are just beginning and there will be no end until the day you die.

YOUR CHILDREN are an extension of you and when they suffer, you'll suffer, and what affects them will affect you whether they're two years old or 40 and grandparents themselves. Whether they're tossing through the dark night with a childhood fever, or far from home in war or peace, you'll suffer with them.

And it isn't necessary to go searching for experience to be sent stumbling down into the black pit of desolation when an aging parent, who gave you life, is taken from among the living.

EXPERIENCE, he says. No thanks I don't believe I care for any this time around.

**WHAT FOODS THESE MORSELS BE**

(Cont. from Preceding Page)

tomato, cheese or mushroom sauce. May be reheated. Serves six.

**TUNA SCALLOP ROYALE**

2 large avocado pears  
salt

1 can (10 1/2-oz.) cream of mushroom soup  
1 can (6 1/2 or 7-oz.) tuna potato chips  
lime wedges

Cut each avocado into halves lengthwise. Remove seed and sprinkle with salt. Combine soup and tuna and heat thoroughly. Place avocado halves in baking pan containing 1/4 inch warm water. Fill generously with tuna mixture and top with crushed potato chips. Bake 10 to 15 minutes at 300 degrees. Garnish with lime wedges and serve at once. Nice for lunch. Serves four.

**HERRING SALAD**

4 fillets salt herring  
4 scallions  
6 radishes

2 tomatoes  
2 green peppers  
1 cup shredded lettuce  
1/4 cup cider vinegar  
3 tbsps. salad oil  
1 tsp. sugar  
1/4 tsp. paprika  
1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

Cut the herring into half inch pieces. Slice the scallions and radishes, and cut the tomatoes

**Do You Listen To Your Kids?**

By DONA Z. MEILACH

A few months ago, the seventh grade Sunday School class saw a short movie about Israel, stressing its history through stamps.

WHEN 12-year-old Peter came home that day, he tried to tell his father about the movie.

The father grunted a few "mmmm's" from behind his newspaper and mother interrupted by calling out that lunch was ready.

AT THE SAME time, his friend David, was telling his parents about the movie too. The parents listened attentively. They asked David a few questions about Israel's location, climate and so forth. David's knowledge was hazy, so they dragged out an atlas and located Israel on the map. Later, David looked up the country in the encyclopedia.

The next day, David asked his mother if he could buy a stamp collector's book and she agreed.

TODAY, DAVID is avidly trying to make his own collection of Israeli stamps and is also interested in stamps from other countries. In the few months since he was stimulated by that short movie, his knowledge of geography has increased tremendously and he has an absorbing hobby.

There are so many things that can't be taught in the limited time that children attend religious school. It is up to the parents to pick up the thread of stimulation and weave it into a background of interest and information. A little listening and encouragement can pay off great dividends throughout the child's life.

**My Modern Bubby**

By MYRA S. WAPNER

My bubbly thinks I am a beria — and coming from the all-time balabusta, this is indeed, a compliment. Of course, she worries about "Christian" influences — but she is very subtle in her way of letting me know what she is thinking.

YESTERDAY, she ventured in a pouring rain, from her abode in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, to come and visit me out in God's country — Forest Hills.

Armed with a box of knishes, a pinwheel of brightly colored plastic for the baby, and a cake from a Shama Shabbos bakery, she fought the rush hour and arrived via subway, with hat askew but with whipped cream cake, pinwheel and knishes, in perfect condition.

THIS IS a very progressive bubbly — she is a Bat Masterson fan, adept at bingo, and an ardent traveler. Though she cannot read or write a word of English, she is thoroughly familiar with the subway system of New York. Indeed, the Transit Authority would do well to hire her as a public relations agent for their BMT line, which she is constantly traveling.

Until I was a big girl I was positive bubbly owned the subway. Today, I am enlightened but still wondering if she doesn't own a small piece of the system.

I WOULD so much like to be like my bubbly when I grow up — and my daughter like me, should follow in her footsteps. Though she is a terrible cook and baker, (Grandma thinks most foods taste better well done), she is persistent and can master most recipes.

Best of all her qualities, she is genuinely fair (and with six sons and countless grandchildren it is hard to be impartial.) And though she has had some seventy-odd candles on her cake, one would never classify her as "getting on." Grandma claims she never had a birth certificate which is entirely possible (and yet you must admit, a lot more original than Jack Benny's 39.)

BUBBY would like to see a "pushka" on my table so that my little girl would learn of others in the world who are more needy. She would also like to see a "U" on every ketchup bottle, and chicken with soup on Friday nights.

One day I'm going to be a grandma in my own right and I

**Brandeis Loses Fourth Game in Row**

WALTHAM, Mass. (P-O) — For the first time in its history, the Brandeis football team dropped 4 games in a row, as it was swamped by Springfield 43-12. Barely able to field one squad, the Judges were worn down as the Springfield Maroons sent in better than three teams in alternate platoons.

Dick Audet, Brandeis quarterback, was taken off the field in the second period with a concussion and a deep laceration of the forehead, adding to the long list of injuries.

Coach Benny Friedman, trying to change the team's bad luck, shifted from the bench to the upstairs phones, but to no avail.

wonder if I will be half as colorful — half as concerned. One pays a price for being born an American — one just accepts change, growth and the like. One

day I hope to be a grandmother but lets face it, I don't stand a chance of ever being a bubbly ... they just don't make 'em anymore.

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## RELIGIOUS CONVENTIONS

What in effect is a convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for?

**ARE THERE ANY** issues to be decided. Usually not. Is there a real election of officers. There won't be any as long as Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath decides not to step down as president.

**WHY THEN ARE** Reform leaders and delegates from all parts of the country convening for almost a week in Miami Beach next month?

Almost the same question could be asked about the convention of the Conservative lay leaders taking place on the same days at the Concord Hotel in the Catskill Mountains.

**THESE TWO** conventions—and those of the Orthodox lay group too—have become in effect vast institutes of Judaism.

This is a revolutionary movement in American Jewish life which has hastened the maturity of American Judaism, but hasn't received perhaps the notice it deserves. Jews come to Zionist conventions. There are issues to be decided. Jews come to general assemblies or United Jewish Appeal or bond conferences because there is actual work to be done in fund-raising, or keeping our communities going as modern operations.

**BUT AT A RELIGIOUS** convention what usually takes place is an intense few days of Jewish learning, not perhaps in actual study of Hebrew or the Talmud, but in areas where Jewish teachings apply to modern living.

At the Reform convention, one of the themes will be the application of Jewish ethics to daily business operations.

**THE CONSERVATIVE** convention will include discussions on the philosophy of the Movement and on the statement of standards for synagogue practice adopted in 1957.

Both conventions will discuss relationship of Israel and the American Jew.

**THE FACT THAT** Jews travel thousands of miles to attend these "institutes" is another good omen.

## ONE AS BAD AS THE OTHER

That was an intemperate remark—if it wasn't meant with tongue in cheek—Sam Goldsmith, head of the Chicago Jewish Federation made to Rabbi G. George Fox, when he said "To hell with the rabbis."

**IT ISN'T CLEAR** from Rabbi Fox's report of the occasion exactly why Mr. Goldsmith made the slighting reference, especially in view of Mr. Goldsmith's position and the fact that he was talking to a respected Reform rabbi.

But that doesn't call for the lengthy tirade by the editor of The Sentinel of Chicago, in which he excoriates the entire Chicago rabbinate, falling into the error of doing exactly what he blames Mr. Goldsmith for doing.

**AFTER YOU'VE** given Jack Fishbein credit for courage, and if Mr. Goldsmith spoke seriously, given him the same credit for being outspoken, how do you condone this blanket indictment by the editor:

"The rabbis, unfortunately, too often find themselves in the position of being administrators of huge 'plants', as they call it, rather than spiritual and moral leaders. They are afraid of a Sam Goldsmith because they know he is a powerful man in the community, able to influence the board of directors who hire them. That's why they take this insult lying down without even an outcry. They aren't courageous enough, either as a group or as individuals, to condemn it from their pulpits or to demand an apology. That's exactly the reason why the average Jew isn't willing to accept their leadership as they should on moral and spiritual issues. They feel that the average rabbi is no different from any other human being—he has a job to do and he performs it! Like everybody else, they believe, he does what's best for himself."

## CONFFLICT IN DATES

We think it's faulty scheduling when the general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds is held in San Francisco while the Union of American Hebrew Congregations is meeting in Miami Beach.

**THESE TWO** conventions attract Jewish leadership, and if anything, the leadership in the CJFWF is made up to a considerable extent of Reform Jews. Even if the delegates flew from one end of the country to the other, it would mean they would be absenting themselves for an extraordinary long time from their homes and their businesses.

The arrangers of conventions often forget that not all Jews are so well fixed financially that costs are not a consideration.

**THE CONSERVATIVE** group didn't do any better, so that the circle is completed. Their convention starts at the Concord Hotel in the Catskill Mountains the same day that the CJFWF convention closes.

There was ample notice of these conflicts of dates. A national calendar of events printed in The POST and OPINION almost 18 months ago listed both the CJFWF and the UAHC conventions.

## The EDITOR'S CHAIR . . .

We have long felt that the contribution of Orthodoxy to the evolving American Judaism would in the last analysis be as significant, if not more so, than that of either Reform or Conservatism. This, in our opinion, is inevitable because the precious sacred truths of Judaism require discipline for their flowering, and of all three wings of Judaism, only the Orthodox up until this point have unequivocally insisted on the need for sacrifice to uphold the Jewish way of life.

**BUT ORTHODOXY**, as we also have pointed out here before, is fighting its battle on the wrong fronts.

It is fighting for separation of the sexes at services when it should be fighting for Orthodox insistence on the purity of family life.

It is fighting against recognition of Conservative and Reform as legitimate heirs of the Jewish tradition, when it should be fighting to make its own mode of piety and worship more livable by the American Jewish generation which will carry on the Jewish tradition.

**THE DANGER FOR** Orthodoxy, as of course for Reform and Conservatism also, is that it loses the confidence of the people it is attempting to win over. Right now wise leadership is needed more than ever before.

A straw in the wind—getting back to the thought in our opening sentence—is the following piece which we first noticed in the bulletin of Rabbi Max Nussbaum's Temple Israel of Hollywood. When we began to notice it in bulletin after bulletin, we then realized that this was issued by the bulletin news service of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the lay body of Reform in the U. S.

From time to time I am asked, "Why should a Reform Jew fast on Yom Kippur?" To this I would give the following answer:

Fasting on Yom Kippur is a Biblical tradition which has vital significance in every age.

It sets Yom Kippur aside as a special day in your life.

It indicates self-discipline.

It binds you together in a common act of faith with the vast majority of Jews in every age and in every part of the globe.

It directs your thoughts away from the everyday desires, toward the larger goal of your existence.

It may give us, who live in lands of plenty, an inkling—if but for a brief moment—of what hunger may mean and thus render us more generous and understanding toward those who are in want.

Thus re-interpreted, fasting on Yom Kippur should be the free choice of every Reform Jew and help to make a great day more richly meaningful.

This piece must have been written by my good friend Rabbi Gunther Plaut, of St. Paul, last year or even before that, because I've seen it printed many times before. The fact that Reform rabbis are reprinting it to

influence their members shows the trend back towards the traditional observance of Yom Kippur, not alone as a day of repentance, but also as a day of fasting.

**YOU HAVE TO** know Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof, of Pittsburgh, to learn respect for the rabbinate in the U. S.

Rabbi Freehof will celebrate twenty-five years of service to Rodef Shalom Congregation in Pittsburgh the weekend of Oct. 31.

**A WINNING**, but somehow shy smile, a fine posture, and a disarming attitude which seems to say at one and the same time you are talking to someone special but I'm a very friendly sort of person—this is Rabbi Freehof.

Although Reform, he's often consulted by Orthodox rabbis on questions of Jewish law (halacha). He's an authority on responsa—answers of rabbis to questions of law, and withal he's the kind of man who has no affection whatsoever—he's that wholesome, and what's more you know that the minute you meet him.

**I NOTICE WHERE** Rabbi Eisendrath, who will deliver the address at the congregational dinner on the occasion, is a confirm and of Rodef Shalom.

**WHEN YOU GET** around to writing American Jewish history, you not only have to take into consideration, the Adolph Kieslers, the Dewey Stones, the Stephen S. Wises, the Sam Rothbergs and the Julian Venezkys, but also Max Bressler of Chicago.

Max we've known for years, as a Zionist leader.

We've often told him that he could be president of the Zionist Organization of America, if he'd only take the calculated risk of running for office. His answer has been that he can't afford to take the job because of his health—very good it seems to us—and his business activities.

**MAX IS NOT** alone a Zionist. He's many-sided in his activities. HIAS in Chicago recently tendered him a truly-warranted testimonial dinner as an outstanding example of an American Jew who came to the U. S. as an immigrant and made good.

You can't know Max rightly unless you know that almost single-handedly he has built the new campus of the Hebrew Theological College, at Skokie. While others scoffed, Max started out to raise the funds. As he got into the project, his imagination devised the program for a Jewish University of America—not alone a rabbinical seminary, and today the Hebrew Theological College is only one phase of the Jewish University of America.

**NO ONE KNOWS** but the time may come when the Jewish University of America may be another Brandeis—with the exception that it will be as Jewish as is Notre Dame and other Catholic schools of higher learning are Catholic.

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the immigration officials. My grandfather's name was Isdamer, and I believe he came from Kiev. Perhaps you can solve this puzzle that has haunted me for so many years.—MRS. A. POLANSKY, Brooklyn.

**ISDANER** is a family name of geographical origin. It is derived from the name of the town of Uzda in the district of Ihumen in the province of Minsk. The slight garbling of the derivative name is due to Yiddish influence. The initial "U" was transformed into an "I" and the "n" inserted for euphony. Uzda was a town largely inhabited by Jews and Tartars and there must be at least a dozen Jewish families bearing either your name or the Polish name Uzdanski which has the same meaning.

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**DEAR MR. PEARLROTH:** I should like to know if my maiden name exists in other families besides ours, or if it is just a garbled version of a name that was misunderstood by

I THINK AS I PLEASE

## Odds and Ends of a Jewish Tourist's Trip to England

By CARL ALPERT

LONDON—Jottings from the notebook of an Israeli traveler in England . . .

The charm of England is to be found in the reverence for tradition and for that which is ancient: castles, ceremonies, ritual, titles, ruins, etc. It is easy to understand why Orthodox Judaism can flourish in such an atmosphere.

Yet that which is ancient here, is hardly more than "almost modern" from an Israeli perspective.

Our guide proudly pointed out landmarks six and seven hundred years old. That isn't even as old as Byzantine, which hardly merits a second look in Israel.

Took the usual tourist visit to Stratford-on-Avon. No sign of a Jewish community but located a Mr. Israel Cohen, resident of the community. Noted in Ann Hathaway's cottage a 400-year-old table, the top of which was still in splendid condition. Ex-



Alpert is considered

planation: when meals were to be served, the table top was lifted up and reversed — food being served on the underside only. After the meal, the polished side was again turned up. Is this origin of the phrase: the tables are turned?

**WHO IS** buried in Westminster Abbey? In days of old the honor was freely bestowed, it appears. Found the tombstone of one Philip Clark, who passed away in 1707 at the age of 43. His claim to fame: he was the official plumber of the building!

Samuel Morland seems to have lost two wives, and buried both of them in Westminster, one in 1674 and the other in 1679. The opening lines on the epitaph of each are in a flowing classical Hebrew, followed by what we presume is just as eloquent a Greek rendition.

**MME. TUSSAUD'S** Waxworks: a gallery of the great and the infamous; more impressive than one would imagine. Conspicuous by his absence in the group of modern heads of state, David Ben-Gurion. Can it be because of the Orthodox objection to such representation? King Feisal looks quite handsome.

Tourist in front of us eagerly grabbed at a displayed pamphlet entitled "St. Lawrence Jewry" and paid one shilling for it. Ten minutes later he discarded it discreetly. Picked it up, equally discreetly and discovered why he had been disappointed. St Lawrence Jewry is the name of a church, one of the old landmarks of London. Jewry, the pamphlet informs us, refers to the district in which Jews used to live from the reign of William I until their banishment by Edward I. Discarded the pamphlet. It will doubtless pass from hand to hand.

**ATTENDED** services at the Central Synagogue on Great Portland St. Discovered that distinguished community leaders like Isaac Wolfson not only profess the Jewish faith, but also practice it. Mr. Wolfson and his wife were both at the regular Sabbath services. He is the head of the Great Universal Stores, one of the largest chains in Britain, and is the man who purchased the Shell Oil Company interests in Israel, built Hechal Shlomo in Jerusalem, etc. He is also honorary president of the British Technion Committee.

Services at the Marble Arch synagogue were conducted in a huge circus tent, located on the earthen floor of a deep excavation, where the foundations of a new synagogue building have already been poured.

**BRITAIN** has its Christmas tree problem, too. At a symposium on the subject one speaker said he saw no objection; he did not think the spirit of Christmas should be denied to children of whatever religion, color or denomination, provided it did not involve them in Christmas ceremonies. Another speaker said if you are really Orthodox at heart you cannot possibly have a Christmas tree in a Jewish home, but if Christmas was thought of as a national holiday there could be no harm in it. A third speaker said they could not completely close their eyes to the fact that Christmas was a British national holiday, and children should be allowed to participate to a degree compatible with their upbringing. Only the fourth speaker objected and disapproved. Sponsored of the program: Parent's Association of the Abney Children's Synagogue.

A Rembrandt painting at War-

wick Castle known, our guide told us, only as "a Dutch Burgomaster." A distinguished looking, yarmulke-clad Jew if ever I saw one. Must remember to look this up and identify the "Burgomaster."

**NUMEROUS** kosher restaurants in the heart of London, but every single one of them is closed on Friday eve and Saturday. That is why they are kosher — but the observant tourist visitor is truly left stranded high, dry and hungry.

Tourist guides here have one great advantage over their colleagues in Israel: they don't have to "sell" the country, and they don't have to apologize for anything. Britain stands on its own merits, for better or for worse. Israel has adopted that attitude in its foreign policy, but the tourist guides still feel the necessity of convincing their auditors of something.

**AN INTERESTING** country, Britain. Only 12 per cent of the country's homes have refrigeration (which makes the frozen food industry unhappy), yet one finds television antennas proudly on top of thatched roofs in the English countryside.

## Says Southern Jews Resent Interference From Do-Gooders, Wants to Be Left Alone

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION

For fear that you might become complacent after writing your editorial which appeared in your paper of Friday, Oct. 9 entitled "Right Medicine, We Hope", let me point out to you that Southern Jewry hardly needs medicine. Unfortunately, this has become an era of doctors who have hardly learned what either medicine is or what the problem is, and these very men, which seems to include yourself, attempt to tell a part of the country which not only has a great heritage but has a great history of understanding humanity far in excess of other parts of the country, if you want

to put it on an area basis.

It is so misleading and so unfortunate that the so-called do-gooders have sought to tie the responsibility that is nationwide upon the South.

As a matter of fact, the South has shown a greater ability to take care of the problem involved than has any other part of the country where this problem exists—including your own immediate area.

**JEWS IN THE** South are not fearful of anything except what their co-religionists might trump up—or jump to conclusions, who live north of the Mason-Dixon Line and find no fields to preach their doctrine except to a captive

audience which they make available for themselves when they come to the South. I doubt if the Southern people as such will long be as hospitable and as thoughtful and as sympathetic to these so called know-it-allers or professional trouble shooters.

Southern Jewry is not afraid, it's not childish. Southern Jewry has come of age, which means that it can best survey the scene and knows what's best—not only for themselves as a group, but for the country which they love second to none. So please stop worrying about us, but better yet, leave us alone.

**THUS FAR ALL** the efforts emanating from that area north of the Mason-Dixon Line has done nothing except destroy what has taken the Negro years to accomplish. I would invite you to take a trip to the South and see what Southerners have done out of their sympathetic understanding for the shortcoming of the Negro as such and see what progress the Negro has made.

It will also do your heart good to see the strength of the Southern Jews in the various communities in which they live. It will also do your heart good to see what a part they play in the everyday life of the various communities, and while I must agree that there is nothing perfect about the Jew or any other group of people as a group, I'm sure that you will be glad to know that the Southern Jew can stand on his own feet and look upward because his whole history has been one which can challenge the rest of the nation.

**FRANKLY,** I, too, am becoming fed-up with these messages of doom and announcements which show a lack of understanding. I thought that I would simply transmit that feeling to you at this time.

C. DAVIS TURNER  
Marianna, Fla.

### Says Young Israel Doors Open To All

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION

In your editorial entitled "Who'll Accept Greatness" in the Oct. 9 issue of The POST you indicate that synagogues affiliated with the Young Israel Movement demand a standard of observance of Jewish Law as a prerequisite to membership. This is not so.

**THE GREATNESS** of the Young Israel Movement lies in two opposite, yet reconcilable premises: (1) The doors of Young Israel are open to every Jew who wishes to join, regardless of his level of observance of Jewish Law; and (2) The Young Israel synagogue is conducted fully in accordance with Jewish law and in consonance with our noble heritage.

It is the belief of Young Israel that the standard of the synagogue must be kept high, and that the individual be raised, if possible, to the level of the synagogue; not bring the synagogue down to the level of the individual. In Young Israel the individual member may be secure in the fact that, regardless of the level of his own Jewishness, his synagogue is 100 per cent and this many times serves as

a goal for the individual member.

**AS A PART** of the Young Israel program to maintain the synagogue at the proper level, the officers of the synagogue must be Sabbath observers. This rule has strengthened the Young Israel movement and has served as an incentive to the individual to "raise his Jewish sights."

Your call for standards of observance as prerequisite to membership would exclude large masses of Jewish families. Let us rather keep the level of the synagogue high, keep the membership open to every Jewish family, and do our utmost within the synagogue to raise the level of observance among the members.

KENNETH SPETNER  
Young Israel of St. Louis

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** It seems to us that in the end the approach of Young Israel operates precisely as we stated, except that anyone is free to join. If the synagogue is conducted on high standards, then it will not attract those who have no little or low standards, and it will attract those who observe high standards.

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## 'Sabotaging' Kashrut Charges Against JWB Term Unfounded

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION

I am amazed at the unfounded and intemperate charges leveled against the professional staff of the Jewish Welfare Board chaplaincy commission by Mr. Reuben Gross, and chagrined that they should be uttered by a representative of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, who should be aware of the gravity of the sin of "lashon hara" (evil speech).

**RABBI LEV** and the other members of the professional staff need no defense of their honesty or against the irresponsible accusation that they were protecting their own positions by "sabotaging" kashrut in the military. I, and many other members of the commission, have on occasion differed with the staff in matters of judgment, but we have never questioned their integrity or their devotion and dedication to all the members of the armed forces and to their duties.

Their outstanding military and civilian accomplishments are an

open record and reflect honor upon them.

**THE OBSERVANCE** of kashrut in the military services is an extremely complicated problem with which the JWB and the Jewish community as a whole has been wrestling since the selective service system became the law of the land. Committees and commissions, many led or supported by the Rabbinical Council of America, have tried for more than two decades—and are still trying to solve this problem in Washington and internally in the Jewish community.

It may be simple to single out blameless public servants as the scapegoats, but this is not only immoral, it also will not solve the problem of the kashrut-observant serviceman to which the JWB, the UOJC, the RCA and all of us are dedicating our efforts.

**RABBI ISRAEL MILLER**  
Chairman, Chaplaincy Committee Rabbinical Council of America.

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Stopping in the foyer of the Tremont Temple in the Bronx

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## Reform Preaching Mission in N.Y. Brings 93 Members' 4 Converts

By GERSHON JACOBSON  
New York Bureau Chief

NEW YORK (P-O)—The four-day Reform preaching mission at Tremont Temple in the Bronx, which was aimed at unaffiliated Jews, resulted in 93 members joining the congregation, Rabbi Maurice Bloom told The POST and OPINION this week.

**RABBI BLOOM** said that the mission still seems to be drawing members. "They come in everyday in person, or they write letters or phone," he said.

He revealed that as a result of the "Awaken to Judaism" campaign, four persons have begun taking instructions for conversion to Judaism.

**TWO NATIONAL** Jewish POST and OPINION reporters were on hand at the entrance of the Tremont Temple, to interview those who came to attend the preaching services.

Of about 40 individuals interviewed, 35 per cent were from other Reform temples. The rest were unaffiliated.

The newcomers, most of whom said that they didn't belong to any particular segment of Judaism, gave the overall impression that their main reason for coming was curiosity.

Most of them were middle aged and older people. Nevertheless there was a recognizable percentage of young couples.

**IT WAS** difficult to determine how many non-Jews were present, but according to the many questions of "is everyone welcome?" asked of the attendants, it can be assumed that quite a few non-Jews came to the services.

Bronx was selected as the first launching base of the new project. Similar missions are planned this winter for a week in Manhattan and in Brooklyn.

**THE WHOLE** thing is on an experimental basis. We must try several variations before we come down with an exact pattern," a spokesman of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations explained.

The Bronx experiment was successful, the spokesman stated. "It did not draw the smashing throngs we expected, but then this type of approach to Jews is new and I am certain that after several such campaigns we will reach our aim."

**SEVERAL HUNDRED** people half-filled the Tremont Temple, when Rabbi William Rosenblum conducted the preaching mission.

The rabbi expressed the essence of the new campaign saying, "This preaching mission does not promise you the miracles given by the grand scale show at Madison Square Garden by Billy Graham.

**WE WILL** not ask you to step up and promise you immediate cure. It takes longer to adopt meaningful and religiously expressive Jewish life.

"Reform Judaism translates our Jewish traditions into the contemporary expressions of every day life in a modern society. We pray in English and Hebrew, otherwise how can prayers have any meaning to you if you do not understand them."

**AMONG THOSE** interviewed by The POST and OPINION was a doctor who said, "I don't believe in God, but I love to hear and talk about God. So whenever I hear of a gathering such as this one tonight, I try not to fail being there."

Another said he was a salesman of some kind of rare Japanese fish, and he came here from Westchester because he is a personal admirer of Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, president of UAHC, to hear "what the great scholar has to say."

**A GIRL** who said that her name is Mary Mulligan and lives around the corner, explained her reason for being there:

"There's a boy I'm going with who is Jewish and whenever I meet his mother I have no common language with her, so I thought I'd come here and get some knowledge about Judaism."

She wore a cross around her neck, but when she saw my attention drawn to it, said confusedly, "Oh, I think I'll take it off."

**NEAR THE** door inside the temple there were a few boxes of literature explaining almost everything about Reform Judaism, which were distributed in kits containing a pamphlet by Rabbi Daniel Davis, director of the New York Federation of Reform synagogues. In the pamphlet 21 question about Reform, Liberal, Progressive Judaism were answered.

Reform officials estimated that during the four-day preaching mission about 5000 unaffiliated people attended Tremont Temple, averaging about 1,200 people nightly. However, according to the estimates of the two POST and OPINION reporters the Thursday evening services were not attended by more than five or six hundred people.

According to those interviewed none had plans of joining the Reform movement. They even declined to say whether they are planning to attend other sessions of the mission.

**IT WAS** revealed that at the forthcoming 45th biennial convention of the UAHC in Miami the entire subject will be discussed and also other cities than New York City will be chosen to continue the program.

**EFFORTS TO** interest residents in the Bronx to attend the meetings were organized by a large committee of workers from Tremont Temple.

"Hundreds of our people, young and old alike, rang doorbells, wrote letters, phoned friends, mailed brochures, distributed window cards, arranged displays in stores, and otherwise of publicized this most important event in the history of Judaism not only in the Bronx, but everywhere," explained Rabbi Bloom.

### DEATHS

## GEORGE KAPLAN DIES IN ST. PAUL AT 77

ST. PAUL (P-O)—One of the most generous benefactors of Jewish causes, George Kaplan, president of the Kaplan Paper Box Co. and a number of affiliated packaging firms, died here. He was 77 years old.

For more than 30 years he held the presidency of the St. Paul Hebrew Institute.

In 1945 he set up the George Kaplan Memorial Foundation.

### HARRY STEIN

NEWTON, Mass. (P-O)—Harry Stein, director of physical education at Brandeis University, died at his home here of a heart attack. He was 43 years old.

Stein was assistant football coach, and had complained of a mild upset while coaching during the Brandeis-Rhode Island game.

His principal sporting interest was basketball, and he had coached the Brandeis cage team to seven winning seasons.

### IRVING S. FLORSHEIM

CHICAGO (P-O)—Irving S. Florsheim, chairman of the board of the Florsheim Shoe Co., died here after a long illness at 65.

### LOUIS JASPER

LOS ANGELES (P-O)—Death came suddenly to Louis Jasper while attending services Yom Kippur day at Machzikei Haddath synagogue.

### RABBI SOLOVEITCHIK

JERUSALEM (P-O)—Rabbi

Yitzhak Z. Soloveitchik, Gaon of Brisk, died at 73 while at prayer during Kol Nidre at his home.

### MEYER NISSIM

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